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BIRCH MEADOW COMPLEX SURVEY NOW OPEN

The Town of Reading, through the Department of Public Services, Recreation Division has released a survey for the Birch Meadow Complex. The survey is readily available at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JN9D662>

Background:

In Fall of 2009 the Board of Selectmen approved a Master Plan for the Birch Meadow Complex that included close to \$2.5M of improvements. The improvements included new amenities such as walking paths, new court facilities, lights and restrooms among other features. You can visit the current plan by following these links:

http://www.readingrec.com/forms/5942_birch_meadow_master_written_component.pdf
http://www.readingrec.com/forms/5944_birch_meadow_master_plan_updated_61111.pdf

The Board of Selectmen requested that the Recreation Committee review the current Master Plan for the Birch Meadow Complex and make recommendations based recreational trends and community input. With the plan being six (6) years old, the Committee felt it would be important to solicit input from the Community and use the input to help re-prioritize and update the plan.

The Birch Meadow Complex area encompasses the High School complex, including:

- *RMHS stadium and practice fields
- *Parking area across from Coolidge MS
- *Softball fields
- *Castine Field (used for ice skating the winter time, soccer in the Summer and Fall)
- *Higgins Property (adjacent to the Birch Meadow School & along curve from John Carver Rd. to Birch Meadow Dr)
- *Coolidge Middle School Field
- *Morton (baseball) field (Bancroft Ave.)
- *Reading Community Tennis Courts (Bancroft Ave.)
- *Tot Lot Playground (Bancroft Ave.)
- *Large Hill behind the field house, including the ropes course

The Birch Meadow Master Plan is intended to best represent a plan to address the trends, priorities and unmet needs of the community. Your feedback will help shape the decision making, priorities and changes to the Birch Meadow Complex as the Town of Reading moves forward with future planning. Your feedback is really important to ensure that the final report captures the wants and needs of the community. Please find a few minutes to take the survey and give the Town your feedback!